

WHILE HER FINCE WAITS FOR HER IN HOTEL LOBBY SHE WEDS ANOTHER MAN.

Miss Bunnie Finney Slips Away With Fred Welch, Eluding C. E. McClelland, Who Came From Texas to Marry Her.

While C. E. McClelland, a ranchman of Fort Worth, Tex., was waiting in the lobby of the Laclede Hotel yesterday afternoon for Miss Bunnie Finney of Marble Hill, Mo., whom he was to marry, the young lady slipped out through a side entrance, in company with Fred Welch of No. 218 Eugene street, obtained a marriage license with him and became his bride a few hours later.

McClelland and Miss Finney planned by correspondence to be married in St. Louis a week ago. They met while the young woman was visiting in Plain View, Tex., six months ago. When Miss Finney returned to her home at Marble Hill she carried with her an engagement ring given her by McClelland.

Her father is editor of the Marble Hill Times, and she has long been one of the belles of that town. She slipped away from home Tuesday to meet McClelland in St. Louis yesterday, where, it was agreed, they should be married.

Yesterday morning the ardent wooer from the plains of the Lone Star State reached St. Louis. He proceeded immediately to the Laclede Hotel and soon found Miss Finney's name on the register. Then his joy knew no bounds. He told his story to the reporter for an afternoon paper. He declared he had grown tired of the waste of snow and ice on the ranch, where solitude was slowly wasting his life away. He told how he had met the young woman and their subsequent arrangements for the trip to St. Louis, where they were to be married.

THE STORY OF THE TEXAS.

"I just made up my mind that I could wait no longer," he said to the newspaper man, "so I saddled my pony and plunged through the drifts to the nearest telegraph station and wired Miss Finney, in care of a friend, to meet me in St. Louis to-day."

"I think we will go to California on our wedding trip. The roses are in bloom there, and they tell me brides and brides go well together. Then in the spring, after the snow is gone and the Panhandle is respectable looking, we will go back there and live on my ranch."

Then Mr. McClelland sent his card to Miss Finney's room and paced the floor, waiting for her appearance. Another card followed. The young ranchman was now walking the corridor more briskly. In a few minutes Miss Finney sent word down that she would meet him in the parlor of the hotel in an hour, at 2 p. m.

Earlier in the morning Miss Finney had gone to breakfast in the cafe. In passing through the office she met Fred Welch. She had known Welch in Marble Hill, where they had gone to school together. The young man is attending a business college in St. Louis and he had just happened to drop into the hotel. The greetings on both sides were warm enough and Welch accompanied Miss Finney to the parlor of the hotel, where they sat down for a long talk.

In former years they had been sweethearts. The old spirit was revived and when Miss Finney admitted the object of her visit to St. Louis Welch persuaded her to alter her plans.

She objected, but the young man poured

such arguments of undying devotion into her ears that she at last consented to become his wife, instead of the wife of McClelland.

While they were arranging their plans for the day the cards arrived from McClelland in the office below. Welch dictated the reply that informed McClelland that he could see Miss Finney at 2 o'clock. While McClelland was studying over the matter, Miss Finney, accompanied by Welch, walked down the side stairs and out through the Sixth street entrance. Welch discovered that the coast was clear and they made a bee line for the office of the marriage license clerk.

Promptly at 2 o'clock McClelland again appeared at the clerk's desk and asked Colonel Pritchard to send up his card to Miss Finney.

"All right," said Colonel Pritchard, who had not the slightest idea of the drama being enacted around him, "but, by the way, here is a letter for you from some one upstairs."

He handed the epistle to McClelland, who took it and opened it rapidly.

McCLELLAND HEARS THE NEWS.

As he read it the color of his face changed from white to red and white again. The note was brief. It informed him that the wedding could not take place; that Miss Finney was to be married that afternoon to Fred Welch.

McClelland was dazed. He did not utter a word, but proceeded to the checkroom, where he got his grip and walked out of the hotel. That was the last seen of him yesterday afternoon. He could not be located at any hotel in the city last night, and it is presumed that he took an early train back for Texas.

In the meantime there were busy times for Miss Bunnie Finney and Mr. Welch. After procuring the marriage license they proceeded to a minister's house and were married. From there they went to No. 218 Eugene street, where young Welch has been boarding.

A party was in progress at the house when a Republic reporter called there last night. Young Welch came to the door and exhibited surprise when informed that his escapee had become known. At first he refused to say anything, but declared "the other fellow" would give the information. Mrs. Welch came to the door and the reporter was introduced by her husband.

"I was to have married Mr. McClelland this afternoon," she replied in answer to a question. "When I met Fred I concluded I loved him more than I did McClelland and I changed my mind about marrying. I don't want any publicity and I don't want to say anything further," and the young woman looked appealingly at her husband, who declared that no additional information would be given.

Mrs. Welch is a good looking woman with a wealth of hair, which is fetchingly arranged. She has a petite figure and converses entertainingly.

Her husband appears to be about 22 years of age. He seemed to be greatly agitated last night, but indicated that he could be expected to account for his actions in case Mr. McClelland desired any explanation.

MOBS IN THREE STATES TRY TO TAKE LAW IN THEIR OWN HANDS.

Two White Men Saved From Infuriated Kansas Crowds by Officers.

LYNCHING IN ARKANSAS.

Tennessee Negro Strung Up Five Times and Then Returned to Jail.

Wichita, Kas., Feb. 20.—Sheriff Gano of Medicine Lodge has fled to Anthony with Professor Hamilton, to prevent him from being lynched.

Hamilton, who is a country school teacher, 35 years old, is charged with criminally assaulting a 9-year-old girl named Greaser. Hamilton boarded at the home of the Greasers, who are influential, and the girl was his pupil.

It is thought that the mob, which is made up of Barker County farmers, may follow Hamilton to Anthony, in which event they will surely get him, as the Harper County Jail is a weak concern.

STRUNG UP FIVE TIMES.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Feb. 20.—A mob took Rebecca Montgomery from the jail here last night and swung him up to a limb of the famous "Mile lynching tree" five times, letting him down each time he was hauled up, to make him confess his complicity in the assault with Fred King upon Miss Alice Arnold.

The negro denied his guilt. Finally the mob carried him back to the jail, more dead than alive, and delivered him to the jailer.

The mob was led by an organized Vigilance Committee.

The mob decided not to lynch Montgomery until the third negro, whom King implicated in his confession, is found. This negro is being sought for by detectives.

The Vigilance Committee swears that when he is found the two will be lynched together.

In his confession, King said the negroes had stolen five of the best-known young women of Dyersburg for assault, and knowledge of this horrible plan is causing the spirit of vengeance among the citizens. A number of negroes were whipped out of Dyersburg last night.

TOPEKA MOB MISSED ITS PREY.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 20.—A mob of 1,000 men, mostly Santa Fe shop employees, surrounded the County Jail this evening in search of "Slick" Slater, who committed an assault on Lottie Gerberick Monday night in the Lincoln School grounds.

Men were permitted to go through the jail to satisfy themselves that Slater had been removed.

The officers will not reveal the place where they have hidden the prisoner, and

ONE DAY'S RECORD OF MOB VIOLENCE.

Two mobs in Kansas, one in Tennessee and one in Arkansas defied the laws yesterday and attempted to enforce their own ideas of justice. In two cases—one at Topeka and the other at Medicine Lodge, Kas.—the prompt action of officers saved the prisoners from certain death.

At Mena, Ark., a negro, accused of brutally kicking a little girl in the abdomen, was lynched by eight masked men.

At Dyersburg, Tenn., a negro, accused of complicity in the assault on Miss Arnold, was strung up five times and returned to jail after he refused to confess.

A thousand armed men at Topeka surrounded the jail and ten men were permitted to make a search for "Slick" Slater, who assaulted a 10-year-old girl.

The Sheriff at Medicine Lodge spirited his prisoner to Anthony, Kas., whither the mob threatens to follow.

The mob is endeavoring to get this information. If Slater is found he will undoubtedly be lynched.

NEGRO LYNCHED AT MENA, ARK.

Mena, Ark., Feb. 20.—Peter Berryman, a negro, was lynched near here this morning by eight masked men. Berryman was arrested last night for brutally kicking Esie Osborne, aged 12 years, in the abdomen because she told him not to come in their yard after water.

He was placed in the county jail for trial to-day. Shortly after midnight, Officer Jones, while making his rounds some distance from the jail, was accosted by eight masked men, who forced him to throw up his hands, and took his keys and pistol.

Two guarded him while the others went to the jail, took Berryman out and hanged him to a tree. They then returned and released the officer, who gave the alarm.

The body was not found until daylight. Nothing has been learned as to the identity of the members of the lynching party.

TEXAS CATTLEMEN INTERESTED

Date of Opening of Kiowa and Comanche Reservations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 20.—Congressman Stephens writes to a friend in Comanche, I. T., that in his judgment there will be no delay in opening the Kiowa and Comanche reservation to settlers later than August 1. In the meantime all leases of grazing lands in this reservation are now made for thirty days only.

Some of the heaviest losses of the lands at Fort Worth cattlemen and they are assured by the Secretary of the Interior that they will have thirty days' notice of the time of the opening, so they may get out of the reservation.



The Hen: "Oh, I've been laying for you."

DARING WORK OF A LONE ROBBER.

Single-Handed He Holds Up Bank Cashier—Then Captures a Freight Train.

FALLS CAPTIVE TO A POSSE.

With Nearly Two Thousand Dollars in His Pocket He Compels the Engineer to Start His Engine.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 20.—One of the most daring robberies in the history of this section of Illinois was committed at Fisher, a small village twenty miles northwest of this city, in Champaign County, this forenoon about 3:30 o'clock.

Arthur Hyer, the son of a prominent and well-known farmer, residing about three miles south of Fisher, rode into the village on horseback. He tied his horse, passed the time of day with his friends and entered Vennum's Bank.

When he stepped up to the teller's window he whipped an ugly-looking revolver from one of the pockets of his overcoat and commanded Edward Vennum, "the youthful cashier of the bank, to hand over the institution's funds."

A revolver was near, but young Vennum could not reach it, and he was cautioned by the desperado to attempt no resistance.

Handed Over the Cash.

Cashier Vennum chose what he considered the wise course, and he poured the money out before young Hyer. In the pile was something between \$1,600 and \$1,700. This the hold-up man deposited in his overcoat pocket and then started to back out of the small office, but not until he had told the frightened cashier he would make it hot for him if he attempted to sound an alarm.

Hyer ran in the direction of the Illinois Central Depot.

On reaching the track he saw a freight train standing there and leaped onto the locomotive, at the same time ordering the engineer to pull out of town. Before the train was under way the citizens of the village had been alerted and they swarmed about the train, the young outlaw being captured a few minutes later, after he had discharged several shots from his revolver, none of them doing damage.

Revival of Commercial Activity Expected to Follow Passage of New Organic Law.

Willemsd, Island of Curacao, Feb. 20.—Advices received here from Caracas, Venezuela, say that a convention will assemble there to-day (Wednesday) to frame a new constitution for Venezuela.

It is reported that the President's term of office will be extended from two years to seven, and it is believed General Castro will remain President as long as he can lawfully do so.

European investors, therefore, are planning large operations. A German syndicate will operate the Podermals asphalt mines as rivals to the mines controlled by the so-called trusts.

A French syndicate has offered a loan of \$2,000,000 to fund the Venezuela debt.

TRAIN DERAILED BY BOERS.

General Kitchener Was on the One Which Preceded It.

London, Feb. 20.—A special dispatch from Pretoria says the Boers at Klip River, February 18, derailed a train containing General Kitchener's baggage. The train was preceded by another in which the Commander-in-Chief was a passenger. An armored train drove off the Boers, but the latter secured the contents of the train derailed.

CHINA AGREES TO PUNISH LEADERS.

Court's Reply to Final Demands of the Powers Is a Complete Surrender.

ANSWER RECEIVED AT PEKIN.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang Will Probably Communicate It to the Envoys To-Day.

London, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Reuters Telegram Company from Peking, dated yesterday, says:

"The Chinese have yielded on the question of punishment, and it is announced that the demands of the Powers will be fully complied with."

"The reply of the court has not yet been communicated to the legations, but it is known to have been received by Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, and it will probably be communicated to-morrow."

Doctor Morrison, cabling to the Times, corroborates the foregoing, and the Times, commenting on his dispatch, says:

"There cannot be any reasonable doubt that the sudden surrender of the Chinese Court was due to fear inspired by Count von Waldersee's order. The lesson will not be lost on the allies, should the Chinese resort again to the traditional tactics of evasion and delay."

LEADING TOPICS

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TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

Missouri and Illinois—Fair Thursday and probably Friday; rising temperature Friday; northerly winds, becoming variable.

Arkansas—Fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

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2. Governor's Appointments Are Well Received. Talk About Police Changes. Republicans Seek Available Candidates.

3. Field School Has Started a Boom. Kennedy Case Goes to Jury To-Day. Grip Is One Cause of Appendicitis. Lents Stir Up Republicans.

4. Sporting News. Race-Track Results.

5. The Railroads. Mrs. Stetson Under Cross-Examination.

6. Attorney Scores Amish Church. Editorial. Events in Society. Nice of Dewey Breaks Engagement.

7. Fight for Mail-Tube Service. Lively Debate on Early Marriage. Remorse Prompted Suicide. Three Governors Will Go Hunting.

8. Republic Want Advertisements. Record of Births, Marriages, Deaths. New Corporations. Transfers of Realty.

9. Grain and Produce. Cattle Sales.

10. Financial News. River Telegrams.

11. Jobbers Entertain Visiting Buyers. Scouring the City for Horse Thieves. Royal Arcanum Elects Officers. Protest Against Education Bill.

MISSOURI MAN SENTENCED TO DIE.

Eugene Faulkner, Formerly of Warrensburg, Convicted of Murder.

VICTIM BURNED TO DEATH.

If Sentence Is Carried Out Faulkner Will Be the First White Man to Die on Gallows in Dallas County.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 20.—If the jury's verdict is carried out, Eugene Faulkner, formerly of Warrensburg, Mo., will be the first white man to suffer death on the gallows in Dallas County by legal process.

Faulkner was to-day convicted of murder in the first degree, and given the death penalty as a punishment. His crime was participation in the burning to death of Constable Pate Bain, early on the morning of December 1, 1899. Four other men were implicated. The trials were begun on January 21, and have occupied the exclusive time of the Criminal District Court for thirty days. Two of the five accused turned State's evidence. They are Will and Drew Pruitt, brothers. Two others, John Chapman and William Renner, were given life sentences.

Chapman was Faulkner's business partner in keeping a saloon in this city. It was shown during the trial that Chapman had long disliked Constable Bain. Faulkner also seems to have had ill-feeling for him. It was proven on this trial that after Bain had been set on fire and officers rushed into the saloon to rescue him, one of them called for water to throw on the burning man. Faulkner cursed and advised that he be permitted to burn, as he was no good.

Drugged, Then Cremated.

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"TWO MEN COULD HAVE SAVED FRANK HAMILTON"

So Declared Starr K. Jackson When He Learned Jury Had Convicted.

DARK MYSTERY IN THE CASE.

Hotel Clerk and Others Denounced Verdict of Man-slaughter—Prisoner Broke Down.



FRANK HAMILTON.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 20.—Starr K. Jackson, clerk at the Hotel Pfister in this city, who was one of the witnesses for the defense in the Hamilton murder trial at Minneapolis, was almost staggered when he received a telegram from a friend in Minneapolis informing him of the verdict. He believes Hamilton an innocent man, and makes implications of hidden evidence.

"There are two men in Minneapolis, who, if they told the truth, would clear Hamilton," he said. "I will not say who they are, but I know it. Hamilton is not more guilty of that crime than any of the other men who were in the billiard-room that night."

"They were all of them in the same condition then, and every one of them ought to have been arrested and made to tell his story. In that way they would have got the truth."

"As it was, they all left after the murder, except Hamilton, and the officer arrested him, and testified afterwards that he confessed the crime."

"Hamilton was not in a physical condition to reach over a man and inflict that wound in Day's neck with a knife. There is something mysterious about the trial."

VERDICT A GREAT SURPRISE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 20.—"Guilty of manslaughter in the first degree," is the verdict of the jury in the case against Frank Hamilton, sporting editor of the Minneapolis Times, who has been on trial here for the murder of Leonard R. Day, young society man and millionaire, during a quarrel over a woman in the billiard-room of the West Hotel, early Sunday morning, November 25, last.

The courtroom was packed with humanity when the jury reported, and as a disagreement had been expected, a murmur of indignation swept over the place as the verdict was read.

To Hamilton this result of the trial came as a fearful shock. It was as if he had been struck in the face with a club, for he had been confident of an early acquittal. He had been led to believe that he would be a free man inside an hour after the jury

retired Monday evening, but as hour after hour and day after day had passed away since then and no verdict was returned he began to lose heart and it plainly showed in his actions.

The face of the young man as the twelve jurors walked into the room was a study. The lines deepened and for a moment he looked like a man of 50 instead of a youth of only 24.

Hamilton Broke Down Completely.

When the foreman arose in his chair and addressed the court, Hamilton sat as rigid as a marble statue, his eyes intently fixed upon the being whose next words would bring to him life and freedom or the realization that henceforth he is a marked man, in this section of country at least.

When the words were said that meant so much to him, Hamilton sat for a moment as if stunned into insensibility. Then came the awakening, and a cruel one it was. The man lived a thousand years in less than half a minute. With his face white and drawn with mental pain, Hamilton dropped his head onto his arms, and with a moan sank to the table, where he sobbed until it seemed as if his body would be racked to pieces.

But he was not the only one who was crying. Almost without exception, the women were weeping, some of them silently, but others wildly and in a hysterical manner. The scene was an intensely dramatic one, and even the officers of the law, used as they are to similar scenes, found their faces wet with tears, which they took not the trouble to wipe away.

Upon returning to the jail, Hamilton endeavored to thank the Sheriff and his deputies for the many kindnesses they had shown him, but the effort was too much for his strength, and he was forced to retire to his cell, where he threw himself upon his bed and cried himself to sleep, even as a tired, worn-out child might do.

The penalty of the crime of which Hamilton was convicted is imprisonment in the State Penitentiary from five to twenty years. The jury, in its verdict, made a recommendation of mercy.

**FAIR BILL MAY PASS TO-DAY;
SUNDAY CLOSING AMENDMENT.**

Opportunity to Call Measure Up Is Expected to Come This Afternoon.

COMMISSIONERSHIPS ARE SOUGHT BY MANY.

Names of Prominent Men Already Before President for Appointment.

The Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, Feb. 20.—For a while to-day it was hoped that the St. Louis World's Fair bill would be called up for passage before adjournment this evening. This would have been a day sooner than at first intended, but Senators Vest and Cockrell early this afternoon thought they saw an opening in prospect and were vigilantly watching to take advantage of it. The work of the Senate got tied up, however, on the item for pneumatic tube postal service and so long a contest was made over this that, in order to end it, adjournment was voted at 5:30.

It is confidently believed that the Exposition bill will be brought to a vote to-morrow. The Post Office appropriation bill will be the unfinished business and this probably will be disposed of by 2 o'clock, when Senators Vest and Cockrell will try to get up the St. Louis